RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 4th March, 1995/13

Phalguna, 1914 *(Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock. Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon'ble Member, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri J. K. P. N. Singh, a former Member of the Rajya Sabha from the State of Bihar on the 1st March 1993 at the age of 74 years.

Shri Singh was born in 1919 at Dharam-pur in Bihar. A fanner and a businessman, Shri Singh was closely associated with several educational institutions and hospitals and founded a number of such institutions. He also donated large areas of land for schools and hospitals in Mak-sudpur and Dharampur. Shri Singh was a Member of the Rajya Sabha from April 1962 to April 1968 and again from April 1978 to April 1984.

In the passing away of Shri J. K. P. N. Singh, Bihar has lost a noted social worker and a philanthropist.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri J. K. P. N. Singh.

I request the Members to rise in their places and observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Shri J. K. P. N. Singh.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute.)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved family our deep sense of sorrow and sympathy.

De-reservation of products for small scale Sector

*141. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to deserve certain products hitherto reserved for small scale industries sector; and 1—

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Reservation/de-reservation of items is a continuous process considered by the Advisory Committee of Reservation constituted under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951.

No recommendation of the Committee regarding dereservation is pending for consideration.

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Mr. Chairman, Sir, there are three questions in the name of the Prime Minister... *{Interruptions) ...*

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAIAN : Sir, today is the Prime Minister's day and there are questions in his name. I see that he has not come to the House... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Sir, three questions are in the name of the Prime Minister and the honourable Prime Minister is not here... *(Interruptions)*... Is he taking the Rajya Sabha so casually ?... *(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am told that he is on the way... *(Interruptions) ...*

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Sir, he is taking the Rajya Sabha so casually ?.. .*(Interruptions) ...*

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Sir, the Prime Minister has to come once a week... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Sir, he has to reply to these questions and he has not come... *(Interruptions) ...* Sir, the Upper House is being taken *very* casually... *(Interruptions) ...*

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am told that he is *on the way, that he is coming... (Interruptions) ...*

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : 11 बजे क्वेश्चन आवर होता है । 11 बजे का मतलब 11 बजे होता है, "आन दी वे" का कोई मतलब नहीं । ...(व्यवधान)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : Sir, on a point of order. Mr. Chairman, you know better than all of us and all of also know that there is no such requirement ... *(Interruptions)...*

श्री एस. एस. अहलुवालिया : हमें पता है, प्रधान मंत्री जी आ रहे हैं, घबराइये नहीं । ...(व्यवधान)

एक सम्मानित सदस्य : प्रधान मंत्री जी आ गए । ...(व्यवधान)

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : विलंब से आने के लिए क्षमा याचना करें । ...(व्यवधान)

श्री अजीत जोगी : मैडम, आपने पुकारा और वह चले आए ।

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : इन्हें बिना पुकारे चले आना चाहिए था ।

उद्योग मंत्रालय (औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री तथा उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : आपकी बुलाहट पर आए हैं ।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Prime Minister, you know how much you are wanted in the House ?... *(Intenuptions). ..*

श्री शांति त्यागी : माननीय सभापति, हमारे देश में 1991-92 के वर्ष में 20 लाख के करीब लघु उद्योग की यूनिटें काम कर रही थीं । 1992-93 के साल में करीब एक करोड़ छयासठ लाख चार सौ रुपए के मूल्य के बराबर इन लघु उद्योग की इकाइयों ने उत्पादन किया । माननीय अध्यक्षजी, आदरणीय प्रधानमंत्री जी ने हमारी अर्थव्यवस्था में लघु उद्योगों की आवश्यकता और उपयोगिता को बार-बार दोहराया है । स्माल स्केल इण्डस्ट्रीज के लिए सस्ते एवं सुलभ ऋण, कच्चे माल की सप्लाई, नयी टेक्नोलोजी, बैटर मैनेजमेंट और मार्केटिंग और उत्पादन में रिजर्वेशन की सरकार ने बार-बार घोषणा की है ।

सभापति जी, माननीय मंत्री जी का उत्तर जो है वह मेरे प्रश्न से न्याय नहीं करता । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि आपने ये तो मान लिया कि छोटे उद्योगों में, स्माल स्केल इण्डस्ट्रीज का जो कोटा है रिजर्वेशन का, उसमें डिरिजर्वेशन होता है मगर अब तक किन-किन आइटम्स का, किन-किन वस्तुओं का, चीजों का डिरिजर्वेशन आप कर चुके हैं, एक तो ये फरमाइए, ये बताएं और उसका कारण क्या है । इससे जुड़ा हुआ प्रश्न ये है कि क्या इससे पहले भी कुछ आइटम थे जो लघु उद्योग के दायरे में थे, उसके रिजर्वेशन में थे मगर उनमें नई यूनिटों को आपने रजिस्ट्रेशन देने से इन्कार किया, डिरिजर्वेशन नहीं किया गया मगर नयी यूनिटों को उन आइटम्स के प्रोडक्शन के लिए आपने कोई रजिस्ट्रेशन नहीं दिया । क्या ऐसी घटनाएं हो चुकी हैं, ये कृपया बताएं ।

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, as 1 said in the answer, we have a Committee headed by the Secretary. Sir, in 1988, the Committee met. That was the 11th meeting of the Committee after its constitution. In the 11th meeting, we have reserved four items, and we have dereserved about 14 items. And we have changed the nomenclature of about 8 items. These are the things that the Committee has gone into.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Second supplementary.

श्री शांति त्यागी : सभापति जी, बात कुछ पसंद नहीं आई, समझ में नहीं आई । आप उन आइटम्स का नाम लीजिए कृपया मंत्री जी जो आइटम्स ...(व्यवधान)

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, I have the names with me. It is a long list. If the Member wants me to read it, 1 will read it. Or, I will pass it on to him.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You can send it to him,

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM, Yes. Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Second supplementary.

श्री क्रांति त्यागी : हम लोगों का नंबर बहुत कम आता है, जरा टाइम दीजिए । एक प्रश्न तो यह करूंगा सप्लीमेंटरी कि प्रस्तावित बजट जो है उसमें कस्टम और एक्साइज में जो छूट आपने दी है, सरकार ने, उनका कितना लाभ स्माल स्केल उद्योगों को मिलेगा । ये जरूर आप कृपा करके ठीक से बताइए । मालूम है । बोलिए ।

एक माननीय सदस्य : घर भेज देंगे ।

श्री क्रांति त्यागी : घर नहीं भेजना, यहां बताना है हाउस को । यहां बताइए । प्रधानमंत्री जी इसके बारे में बहुत चिंतित हैं, आपको, सबको मालूम है । पूरे देश को मालूम है । बोलिए ।

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, this particular question is not related to the main question. I need time to answer.

SHRI AIIT P. K. JOGI: It is related.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Chaturanan Mishra.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : सभापति महोदय, इधर पेमेन्ट के मामले में सरकार ने कुछ तेशकदमी ली और कानून भी बनाए लेकिन इधर लगातार रिपोर्ट आ रही है कि जो बिग बिजनैस हाउस हैं, वह ऐसा क्राईटीरिया लेड डाउन है रजिस्ट्रेशन का कि उनका पैनिट्रेशन हो रहा है और इसलिए सिकनैस बराबर बढ़ता ही जा रहा है । तो मैं सरकार से जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या इस शिकायत की आप पूरी जांच करवाएंगे ताकि छोटे उद्योग जो हैं वह सुरक्षित रह सकें ।

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : Sir I, would certainly like to go into the details if there are any complaints of this nature. But I would like to remind the House that when we were preparing the new policy on small scale industries, *one* difficulty which we came across particularly in the matter of finding new markets abroad was that in the small scale industry, the technology that was used was archaic, and it was just not possible to find the proper, modern, saleable, attractive technology to these industries. They had come to a standstill and many had become sick as a result of this. Everything had come *to* a grinding halt. They could not export. We could not find new export markets. So, what is needed today more important than anything else is proper, appropriate technology of that scale. You can have technology of a larger scale which will never fit into the small scale. And it is not always possible to find a technology of that kind. That is going to be a very difficult task. We are trying to tackle it. But if there is any misuse of it or any irregularity in this, we will certainly look into it. We want full protection and whatever protection this small-scale industry should get, it will get and we are convinced, the Government is convinced, you all Members are convinced that export potential and the potential for decentralisation of the small-scale industry is enormous, and that is what really is a part of our culture, of our heritage, and we should protect it by all means.

श्री अनन्त राय वेंकटशंकर दवे : सभापति महोदय, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि आप अच्छी तरह से जानते हैं कि गुजरात में कच्छ बिलकुल बैकवर्ड और बार्डर एरिया है । वहां पर आज तक कोई स्माल स्केल इंडस्ट्री नहीं है । मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि वहां पर जो एरिया है वहां पर मिनरल का बहुत मात्रा में भंडार भरा हुआ है और उसमें पाबंदियां लगाई हुई हैं । मैं आपसे निवेदन करूंगा कि क्या जो रिस्ट्रिक्शंस लगी हुई हैं वहां पर स्माल स्केल इंडस्ट्रीज के लिए आप उन को उठाएं ताकि बैकवर्ड और बार्डर एरिया आगे आ सके । ऐसा हाउस में एश्योरेन्स देंगे ?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Let him give the details and we will certainly look into it

SHRI G. G. SWELL : Sir, in view of the Dunkel proposals which will soon be the text for GATT, over which the farmers have been also agitated, these proposals lay down no bar to foreign companies coming to this country, no restriction of areas of their operation, no obligation for them to use local products, and in view of the multilateral trade organisations under the GATT which will monitor our economic and industrial activities and authorised cross retaliation, do these reservations or dereservations apart from the outmoded technology that the Prime Minister refers to, have any meaning ? Can they withstand this change in the world trade ? Have they any meaning ?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : As far as multinational compaines are concerned, they cannot enter into the reserved list. We have a reserved list of 836 items. If they want to enter into the reserved list, they have to have an export obligation of 75 per cent. Therefore, small-scale sector has been duly protected.

SHRI G. G. SWELL : He does not know what GATT is, what Dunkel is. You either stay with the world trade or you stay out of it. You have no other alternative. They should speak what they know.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, this relates to the Ministry of Commerce and he should address it to them.

श्री इकबाल सिंह : मान्यवर, जो यहां बजट प्रस्ताव किया गया है उस में पंजाब में इंडस्ट्रीज होलिडे की कोई स्कीम नहीं है । जैसे कि नादर्न इंडिया में जम्मू काश्मीर और हिमाचल प्रदेश और साथ-साथ और प्रदेशों को यह फैसिलिटी दी गई है लेकिन पंजाब जो कि 12 साल से आंतरिक मामलों में फंसा हुआ है, वहां पर बहुत डिस्टर्बेंस है, इसके लिए यह स्कीम जरूर लागू होनी चाहिए ।

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Under the new policy, we are planning to have Integrated infrastructure centres in various States. This is being finalised under the programme but it will take time to implement it.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : About small-scale sectors, there are certain areas, particularly in many States. States may be industrially backward in some other areas. Some areas are backward both in respect of modern and small-scale industries. I would therefore, like to know from the hon. Minister whether, to promote small-scale industries not only in the backward areas as such, but also in those States where modern industries are there in some areas while some areas still remain backward, the Government has any policy. I would like to know what is the Government's policy in regard to setting up of small-scale industries in those areas also so that there can be balanced development of the whole State.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, apart from the growth centres—we have identified earlier 70 growth centres—we are just now thinking of integrated infrastructure growth centres in the rural areas. By this, we will provide infrastructure facilities to the rural industries so that the rural areas can develop.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Sir, Dunkel or no Dunkel, under its own industrial policy, the Government has now permitted foreign collaboration in the small-scale sector. I would like to know from the hpn. Minister of State whether any such proposals have been received for the small-scale sector. If so, how many proposals have been received, how many have been approved, how many of them relate to items which are reserved for the small-scale sector—Mind you, I am not talking of multinationals; I am talking of other kinds of foreign collaboration—and how many of them are in the non-reserved category ?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : Sir, this is being dealt with by the Department of Industrial Development. As far as we are concerned, a proposal has come from the Commerce Ministry to dereserve the leather industry. It is yet to be considered by my Department.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : That was not the question I asked. My question was very different. I wanted to know whether you had received any proposal for foreign collaboration in the small-scale sector. You might have received 20 and you might have approved 2. Out of these two, one may toe in the reserved category— the list of items reserved for the small-scale sector—and the other may be in the non-reserved category. That was my question.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The question was addressed to the Prime Minister.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM : As far as my knowledge goes, no application is pending with us. No application has come to us so far.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Shall I, therefore, conclude, shall we conclude, that no foreign collaboration proposals relating to the small-scale sector have been received or approved by the Government, despite its declared policy ?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO : Please do not conclude that just now. Give me twenty-four hours to give you a full reply. We will find out. It is a matter which can be easily found out.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Now it is understandable.

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Mr. Chairman, Sir, in view of the growing sickness of small-scale industries, I would like to know whether the Government is taking any steps to prevent it and then to integrate the production from the small-scale sector with the needs of the big industries and other sectors of the economy.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, to integrate the large-scale sector with the small-scale sector, recently, we had announced equity participation by the large-scale sector in the small-scale sector— upto 24 per cent. This i9 in the initial stage. We have to wait and see the results.

Share of R and D in Public and Private Sector

142. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : †

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the share of R and D out of the total investment in both public and private sectors;

i.b) how this share of R and D in industry compares with those of developed countries; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase R and D share in Indian industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) The share of R&D in public and private sector Industry is around 23% of the total national investment in R&D.

(b) In many developed countries, the R&D expenditure spent in industry is in the range of 50-80%.

(c) To encourage R&D in Industry, Government provides industry fiscal incentives of various kinds.

श्री इकबाल सिंह : महोदय, मेरा फर्स्ट सप्लीमेंटरी यह है कि पहले बजट कम था । इस बजट में 113 करोड़ से 147 करोड़ बढ़ाया गया है । लेकिन देखना यह है कि इस बजट में किस रेशियो से खर्चा होगा और मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूं कि पिछले दशक में जो 10 साल में खर्च किया गया है क्या उसी तरह के रिजल्टस इसमें प्राप्त हुए हैं और सेकेन्ड यह भी जानना चाहता हूं कि पंजाब में पिछले तीन वर्षों में कितना आर. एण्ड डी. पर खर्चा किया गया है ?

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Iqbal Singh.